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11	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA						
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13	ARIEL FREANER,	Case No. <u>'11CV1819 JLS_MDD</u>					
14	Plaintiff	ENRIQUE LUTTEROTH'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL					
15	V. (OF ACTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b)					
16	ENRIQUE MARTIN LUTTEROTH VALLE, (an individual;))					
17	HOTELERA CORAL, S.A. de C.V., a stock company of Baja California,	Original Jurisdiction - Treaties U.S.C. §§ 205, 302]					
18	Republic of Mexico; and DOES 1 to 10,)					
19	Defendants.						
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22	TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT						
23	FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:						
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25	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a named defendant in this action, Enrique Martin						
26	Lutteroth Valle ("Mr. Lutteroth"), hereby removes to this Court the state-court action						
27	described below.						
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	Notice of Removal to Federal Court	11 cv					

- 1. Around June 21, 2011, an action was commenced in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego ("State Court"), entitled Ariel Freaner v. Enrique Martin Lutteroth Valle and Hotelera Coral, S.A. de C.V. as case number 37-2011-00093218 by filing an unverified form *Complaint for Breach of Contract* ("Complaint"). Correct copies of the three-page, unverified, form Complaint and the eighteen-page exhibit attached thereto are attached as *Exhibit A* to the Index of Exhibits filed with this Notice.
- 2. Mr. Lutteroth is one of two named defendants. The second named defendant is HOTELERA CORAL, S.A. DE C.V., a stock company of Baja California, Republic of Mexico.
- 3. Upon information and belief, to date, Plaintiff has not effected service of process of the Summons and Complaint on named defendant HOTELERA CORAL, S.A. DE C.V., a stock company of Baja California, Republic of Mexico.
- 4. Mr. Lutteroth is a stockholder of HOTELERA CORAL, S.A. DE C.V., a stock company of Baja California, Republic of Mexico.
- 5. Correct copies of the *Summons* obtained from the Clerk of the State Court, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* filed with the State Court, and the *Notice of Case Assignment* and certain *ADR Information* are attached respectively as *Exhibit B, Exhibit C*, and *Exhibit D* to the Index of Exhibits filed with this Notice.
- 6. Correct copies of Enrique Lutteroth's Petition for an Order Compelling Arbitration; Notice of Petition; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Declaration of Counsel; and Exhibits 1 7 and the corresponding Proof of Service filed with the State Court are attached as **Exhibit E** to the Index of Exhibits filed with this Notice.
- 7. Correct copies of Defendant Enrique Lutteroth's Notice to State Court of Removal to Federal Court and of Defendant Enrique Lutteroth's Notice to Adverse Party of Removal to Federal Court are attached respectively as **Exhibit F** and **Exhibit G** to the Index of Exhibits filed with this Notice.

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- 8. The sole exhibit to the Complaint is a written agreement titled *Freaner & Associates Service Agreement* dated June 23, 2008 ("2008 Contract").
- 9. Article 18-d of the 2008 Contract requires arbitration of the matters covered thereunder.
- 10. Both Mexico and the United States are parties to the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards ("New York Convention"). The enabling statutes for the New York Convention are set forth in part at 9 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*, under Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the U.S. Code (Title 9 is titled "Arbitration").
- 11. Section 202 of Title 9 of the U.S. Code provides in relevant part that an arbitration agreement "arising out of a legal relationship, whether contractual or not, which is considered as commercial, including a transaction, contract, or agreement described in section 2 of this tile, falls under the convention." 9 U.S.C. § 202.
- 12. Section 203 of Title 9 provides in relevant part that U.S. district courts "shall have original jurisdiction" over any action or proceeding "falling under the Convention," because it shall be "deemed to arise under the laws and treaties of the United States." 9 U.S.C. § 203.
- 13. Section 205 of Title 9 provides in relevant part: "Where the subject matter of an action or proceeding pending in a State court relates to an arbitration agreement or award falling under the Convention, the defendant or the defendants may, at any time before the trial thereof, remove such action or proceeding to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where the action or proceeding is pending." 9 U.S.C. § 205.
- 14. Both Mexico and the United States are parties to the Inter-American Convention on International Commercial Arbitration ("Panama Convention"), entered into force for the United States in 1990. The enabling statutes for the Panama Convention are set forth in part at 9 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., under Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the U.S. Code.

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- 15. Section 302 of Title 9 expressly incorporates by reference Sections 202, 203, 204, 205, and 207 of Title 9.
- 16. Removal of this action is based in part on 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b), 9 U.S.C. § 205, and 9 U.S.C. § 302.
- 17. This action is a civil action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 9 U.S.C. § 205, and 9 U.S.C. § 302, and is one which may be removed to this Court pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b) because this Court has original jurisdiction of civil actions involving: (A) arbitration agreements that deal with commercial matters; and (B-1) there is at least one party who is not a citizen of the United States; and/or (B-2) if all of the parties are citizens of the United States, where "the relationship involves property located abroad, envisages performance or enforcement abroad, or has some other reasonable relation with one or more foreign states." 9 U.S.C. § 202.
- 18. To the best knowledge of the subscribing attorney, the only defendant whom has been served is Mr. Lutteroth, who has caused the filing and service of this Notice of Removal.
- 19. This Notice is timely filed pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 205. See also <u>Infuturia</u> <u>Global Ltd. v. Sequus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</u>, 631 F.3d 1133, 1139 (9th Cir. 2011).
- 20. Correct copies of all "process, pleadings, and orders" obtained from the Clerk of the State Court are attached as exhibits to the Index of Exhibits filed with this Notice.
- 21. Mr. Lutteroth will cause to be filed a written *Notice to State Court of Removal to Federal Court* with the Clerk of the State Court no later than August 16, 2011.
- 22. Mr. Lutteroth will cause a *Notice to Adverse Party of Removal to Federal Court* and related removal papers to be served on the attorneys of record for Plaintiff in this action no later than August 16, 2011.

HORTON, KNOX, CARTER & FOOTE, LLP

Dated: August 15, 2011 s/Margarita Haugaard

Orlando B. Foote
Margarita Haugaard
attorneys for defendant/petitioner
Enrique Lutteroth

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the applied to the court of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating

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	e, Address, and Telephone Number) nes J. Warner in Diego, CA 92103		Attorneys (If Known) Horton, Knox, Carter & Foote, LLP 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 550 (619) 595-0220					
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only) III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff								
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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only) 1 Original Proceeding 2 Removed from State Court 3 Remanded from Appellate Court 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from another district (specify) 4 Reinstated or (specify) 5 Transferred from another district (specify) Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment								
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 9 U.S.C. §§ 205, 302; 28 U.S.C § 1441(b) - Treaties Brief description of cause:								
plaintiff alleged breach of contract VII. REQUESTED IN CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION DEMAND S DEMAND S CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 170,000.00 JURY DEMAND: □ Yes ♥ No								
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY -> Removed Case JUDGE Judith F. Hayes DOCKET NUMBER 37-2011-00093218								
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